

EXTRACT

FROM THE

REPORT OF THE CHOCTAW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

Dated June 16, 1845, to the President of the United States.

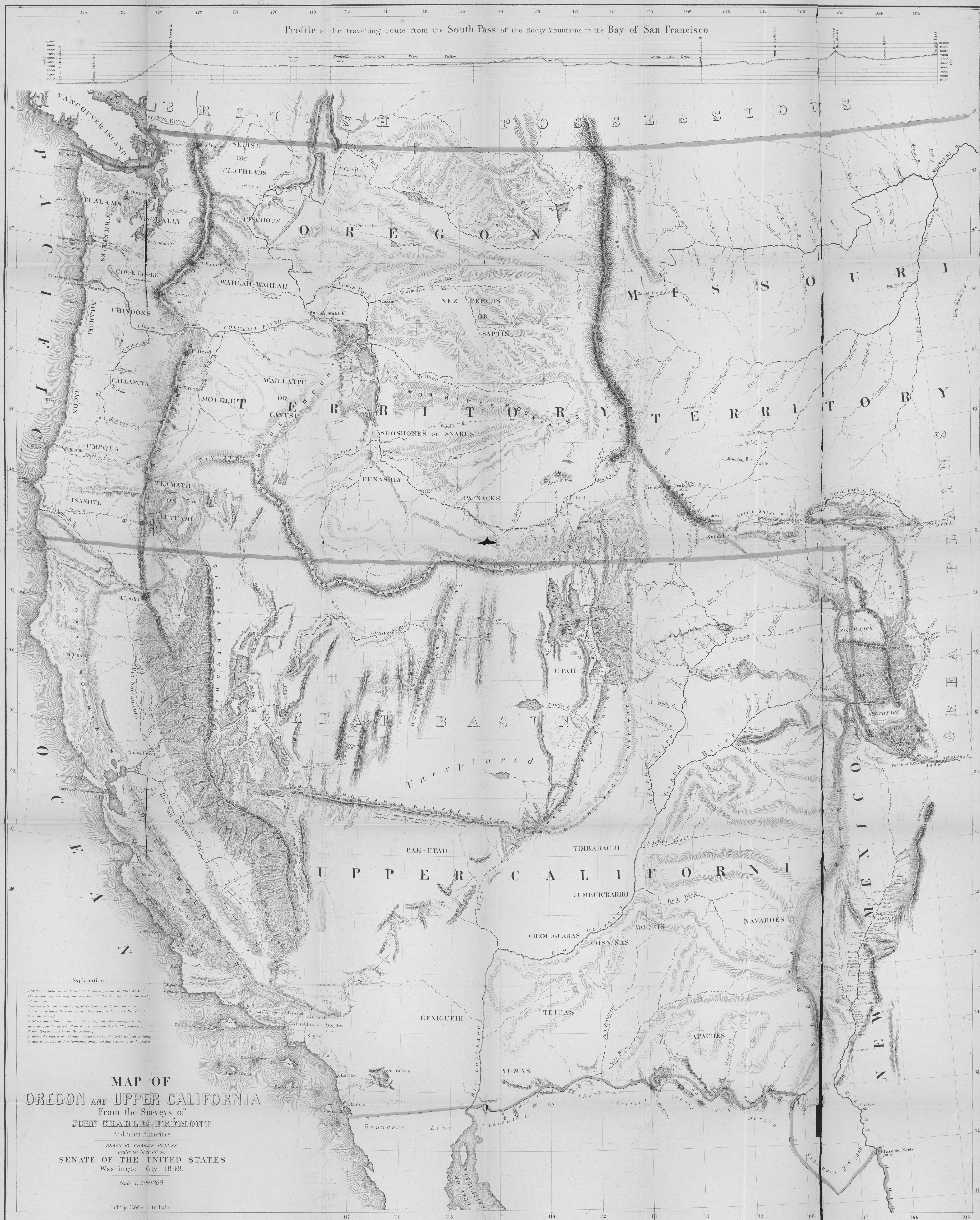
JUNE 19, 1848.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with resolution S. No. 25.

JUNE 23, 1848.—Ordered to be printed.

Extract from the report of the Choctaw commissioners, Messrs. Tyler, Gaines, and Rush, of June 16, 1845, to the President of the United States.

“Sixty (67) cases of other Choctaw claimants from the Bay of St. Louis, in Hancock and Harrison counties, in the State of Mississippi, and known as the ‘Bay Indian’ claimants, are also herewith transmitted to the War Department *unadjudicated* by the commissioners. These claims received a special notice by the undersigned in their report to the President of the 18th of last December, already referred to; the substance of which special notice was, that these ‘Bay Indians’ had, by their admission, left the ceded country within five years from the date of the treaty; that they alleged and endeavored to prove this departure was compulsory on their part; that their agents agreed to file special evidence in these cases, with an understanding on their part, as well as on the part of the commissioners, and so expressed in their report aforesaid, that no judgment could, under the circumstances, be rendered; and that they should be reported to the President, for such action as he should deem best for the assuring of ultimate justice to them, and this recommendation was so expressed in the said report. Since then, and within the last few days, additional testimony has been filed with this board in relation to these claims; and one of the agents, E. B. W. Kirksey, esq., of Mississippi, here representing them, applied through their counsel, A. B. Meek, esq., of Alabama, and Henry L. Martin, esq., of Mississippi, for the definite and final adjudication of the board upon them. From the late period at which the application was made and argued, (there remaining at the time but *two days* of the legal existence of the board for the investigation of the regularity of these claims, and the decision of the important question of fact as to the compulsory or voluntary abandonment of their country by the claimants,) the commissioners decided that in the pressure of other business equally claiming their regard, there was not sufficient time for a rightful and just final-determination of these claims; and, as in their former report, they are again respectfully referred to the President, for such remedial action as he may deem expedient and just towards them.”

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